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(*d*) The hon. Member is referred to the section of the annual administration report of the department dealing with the Institute and to the audit reports of the Ink factory.

Application for State aid to the Magnesite Co., Salem.

* 1645 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. Swami: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state whether the application made for State aid by Messrs. Abbas Hussain and J. Khader Baksha of the Abbas Magnesite Co., Salem, referred to in question No 814, answered on 29th November 1928, has been disposed of by the Government and how?

A.—The application has not yet been disposed of.

Mr. J. A. Saldanha:—"May I enquire why there has been so much delay in disposing of this question?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar:—"There has been some correspondence with the Government of India in regard to the deputation of an expert."

Public Health

Absence of a well-equipped hospital at Pollachi.

* 1646 Q.—Mr. Basheer Ahmad Sayeed: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether complaints have been made to Government that the people of Pollachi are much inconvenienced by the absence of a well-equipped hospital at Pollachi;

(*b*) whether there is any lady medical officer at the hospital at Pollachi for attending upon and treating Gosha women;

(*c*) if not, whether the Government propose to rectify the defect; and

(*d*) whether there is at present any, and if so, what proposal before the Government to provide additional and adequate medical facilities for the people of Pollachi?

A.—(*a*) No such complaints have been received.

(*b*) No; but there is a separate municipal dispensary intended exclusively for women and children, in charge of a lady sub-assistant surgeon.

(*c*) There is no proposal to appoint a lady doctor in the Government hospital at Pollachi.

(*d*) A proposal to appoint a second medical officer (sub-assistant surgeon) in the hospital is under consideration.

Treatment of patients suffering from venereal diseases.

* 1647 Q.—Mr. C. S. Govindaraja Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) what action has been taken to provide proper facilities for the treatment of women patients suffering from venereal diseases in the Madras General Hospital; and